IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: J. Mullis

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In re Application of

Chris BERTELO et al.

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IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORE/SHELL TYPE FOR THERMOPLASTIC

POLYMERS (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

IN THE TITLE

Please correct the title to read as follows:

--IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORE/SHELL TYPE FOR THERMOPLAS POLYMERS--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the existing Abstract and replace with the new Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Twice Amended) A polyvinyl chloride composition containing [an] a core/shell impact additive [of the core/shell type composed of a core based on alkyl acrylate or on a polyorganosiloxane rubber and a shell based on poly(alkyl methacrylate), or on a

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